Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 US Application No. 10/655,866 Attorney Docket No.: 46602.11421

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this 312 Amendment which is directed to amending the claims for grammatical reasons, and also amending dependent Claims 12 and 36 since they incorrectly recite the second barrier as being comprised of material which actually comprises the first barrier. Claims 12 and 36 should recite the materials of TiN_x and TaN_x as supported by the original specification at page 9, lines 19-22. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow entry of this correction to Claims 12 and 36.

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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